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(54) **CHANGEABLE COLOR SHAVING AID**  
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## Description

The present invention relates to shaving aids for razor heads and in particular to shaving aids which change color, either in whole or in part, after a certain period of usage.

## Background of the Invention

In order to provide for smoother shaves and to increase the comfort of the user, shaving aids in the form of comfort strips have been mounted on disposable razor heads and in disposable razor systems for many years. For example, U.S. Patent No. 4,170,821, issued to Booth, discloses a solid water soluble shaving aid incorporated as a strip attached to a disposable razor blade cartridge. Razor heads having such comfort strips are currently marketed with the shaving aid being mixed with a thermoplastic polymer and have a uniform, unchanging color and texture.

Generally, individuals with sensitive skin are most likely to be users of razors containing shaving aids. Consequently, many products which are currently marketed with shaving aids contain materials such as aloe and are directed at the sensitive skin user. US Patent Number 4,875,287 describes a shaving cartridge which includes at least one blade and a blade support having a skin-engaging portion adjacent to a shaving edge of the blade. The skin-engaging portion is provided with a hydrogel comprising a water soluble polymer bound so as to prevent dissolution whereby the coefficient of friction of the skin-engaging portion is reduced in the presence of water. However, a drawback of currently available comfort strip-type shaving aids is that the strips gradually degrade and, after a certain number of uses, the shaving aid material contained in the strips is reduced to the point that the strips are not effective for the sensitive skin user. At this point a sensitive skin consumer should replace the razor blade cartridge to ensure the continued availability of shaving aid. However, absent a definite indication, many users do not realize when the cartridge should be replaced and consequently the quality of the shave suffers.

Various attempts have been made to create systems to indicate when the user should change the cartridge. Most of the previous systems require the user to manually interact with the razor by an act such as the turning of a knob or the breaking off of a tab. Such systems are inefficient in that most users are not careful to accurately perform the acts necessary to monitor their razor cartridge usage.

It would, therefore, be desirable to provide a disposable razor cartridge or a disposable razor system with a shaving aid which would automatically indicate to the user that the cartridge containing the shaving aid should be replaced. Such shaving aids would not require manual intervention and thus would be more accurate than presently known systems.

It would further be desirable to provide such a shaving aid in the form of a comfort strip which would change color after a certain number of uses to signal to the user that the cartridge should be replaced. The color change may take place either through selective solubility or through abrasion. Such a shaving aid would allow the user to obtain the most efficient cartridge use. It would be particularly desirable to provide a shaving aid which changes color coincidentally with the wear of the blade such that when the strip changes the blade is no longer delivering average optimum performance.

## Summary of the Invention

The invention provides a shaving aid for a razor in accordance with claim 1 of the appended claims. The invention further provides a shaving aid comprising at least one skin-engaging layer and at least one non-skin engaging layer in accordance with claim 14 of the appended claims. The invention further provides a razor head in accordance with claim 22 of the appended claims.

The present invention features a disposable razor cartridge unit or disposable razor system having a shaving aid in the form of a comfort strip mounted on a razor head, wherein the shaving aid changes color over a period of time so that the user knows that the razor head should be replaced. In one embodiment, the strip is in the form of a single layer and comprises a polymer of a first color. A coloring agent of a second color is added such that the resulting color of the shaving aid is a third color when the strip is new. The coloring agent gradually leaches from the strip due either to exposure to water, abrasion during usage, or a combination of both such that after a certain number of uses the color of the strip changes from the third color to the first color of the polymer or some intermediate color noticeably different to the consumer. Alternatively, the polymer may be colorless so that when the coloring agent leaches out the resulting strip is colorless.

A third embodiment of the present invention is a two-layer strip in which the upper layer contains water soluble or a combination of soluble and non-soluble shaving aid material of a first color, while the lower layer contains essentially non-water soluble material of a second color. Upon exposure to water during usage, the upper layer gradually deteriorates to the point where the second color of the lower layer becomes visible through the upper layer, thus indicating the need to change the razor head.

A further embodiment involves a three-layer strip, in which both of the outside layers are of an water soluble or a combination of soluble and non-soluble material of a first color and the center layer is of a non-water soluble material of a second color. Such a tri-layered strip would allow the strip to be attached to the razor cartridge during manufacture without concern for the orientation of the top and the bottom of the strip. A tri-layered

strip would be particularly useful when the strip is manufactured by the process of extrusion.

A still further, and most preferred, embodiment comprises a shaving aid of a first color which is coated with a sectional portion of a second color. During shaving, the coated section wears away through solubility, abrasion, or a combination of the two, to indicate to the consumer that the cartridge should be replaced. The coating may consist of multiple layers, some of which layers may wear away during usage.

In a still further embodiment, different color water soluble and non-water soluble coloring agents are mixed so as to indicate a single color when the strip is new. The water soluble agent leaches from the strip upon exposure to water so that after a certain period of usage the strip changes color to that of the non-water soluble coloring agent.

#### **Brief Description of the Drawings**

FIGURE 1 is a perspective view of a razor head having a shaving aid in the form of a comfort strip.

FIGURE 2 is a micro-view of a shaving aid having aqueous and non-aqueous dye components.

FIGURE 3 is a cross-section view of a two-layer shaving aid.

FIGURE 4 is a cross-section view of a three-layer shaving aid.

FIGURE 5 is a perspective view of a shaving aid having a sectional portion coated with a material of a color different than that of the shaving aid.

#### **Detailed Description**

The embodiments of the present invention are designed to provide a disposable razor or a disposable razor system having a shaving aid mounted on the razor head. As used herein, the term "razor head" is meant to include disposable cartridges designed for separate attachment to a razor handle, as well as the operative portion of a razor wherein the cutting portion is integrally formed with the handle portion. According to the present invention, shaving aids are disclosed which provide a sensory indication to the user that the razor head should be replaced.

Figure 1 illustrates a razor head 10 incorporating a shaving aid 11 in the form of a comfort strip. Although the shaving aid is illustrated as a comfort strip located on the cap of the razor head above the blade, the shaving aid may be of any shape and may be located in any skin-engaging position on the razor. It is also possible for a shaving aid that relies on solubility to be located in a non-skin engaging surface and be effective. Further, one skilled in the art will appreciate that the razor head may be of various configurations, i.e., the razor may contain one or more blades and the razor head and handle may be integrally formed as in a disposable razor system.

Figure 2 illustrates one embodiment of the shaving aid of the present invention. A water soluble coloring agent 20 of a first color and a non-water soluble coloring agent 21 of a second color are located in the shaving aid 11, along with thermoplastic material and a shaving aid material 22. Initially, when both coloring agents 20, 21 are present, the shaving aid 11 is a third color which is a combination of the colors of the two coloring agents. In a preferred embodiment, the solubility of the water soluble coloring agent is in accordance with the solubility of the shaving aid material so that the water soluble coloring agent leaches from the shaving aid at a similar rate due to exposure to water during usage as that of the shaving aid material.

During shaving, the shaving aid comes into contact with water and the water soluble coloring agent 20, along with the shaving aid material 22, leaches from the shaving aid 11. As the water soluble coloring agent 20 leaches from the shaving aid, the color of the shaving aid changes from the third color to the second color, i.e., the color of the non-water soluble coloring agent 21. When the shaving aid changes to the second color the user receives an automatic visual signal that the shaving aid of the razor head is depleted.

Common types of coloring agents which may be used are dyes, which are organic-based compounds, and pigments, which are either organic or inorganic. Typical inorganic pigments include titanium dioxide, zinc sulfide, iron oxides, chromates, cadmiums, chromium oxides, ultramarines, mixed metal oxides and carbon black. Common organic pigments include quinacridones, disazos and disazos condensates, monazo, monazos, naphthols, perylenes, benzimideazalones, isoindolinones, diarylides, quinophthalones, phthalocyanines, quinacridones, dioxazines, thioindigos, and tetrachloroisoindolinones and combinations thereof.

Common dyes which may be employed as the coloring agents include azos, perinones, quinolines, xanthenes, azine and anthroquinones. The coloring agents, whether dyes or pigments, may be used in the form of a precolor, dry color, liquid color, or color concentrate. Specialty colorants, including pearlescent, metallic and fluorescent may be used separately or in addition to other coloring agents. In addition, other colorants of Food, Drug & Cosmetic or Drug & Cosmetic grade, such as nitro, azo, triphenylmethane, xanthene, quinoline, anthraquinone, indigoid, and pyrene classes of colorants, may be employed. The color of any of the coloring agents may be enhanced through the addition of certain color enhancing materials such as titanium oxide.

As an example, the shaving aid may contain a water soluble blue dye and a non-water soluble yellow dye. Before exposure to moisture the shaving aid would be a third color created by combining the two dye colors, or in this case green. Upon exposure to moisture, the water soluble blue dye leaches from the shaving aid, gradually removing the blue color component and changing the

color of the shaving aid to yellow. When the color of the shaving aid in this case is yellow, the user would be alerted to replace the razor head.

In a preferred embodiment, the thermoplastic polymer of the shaving aid consists of a first color. A water soluble coloring agent of a second, different color is added to the shaving aid material. During use, the coloring agent leaches from the shaving aid and the color of the shaving aid changes to that of the thermoplastic polymer. In an alternative preferred embodiment, the thermoplastic polymer is colorless. A coloring agent is added to the colorless shaving aid, forming a shaving aid having the same color as that of the coloring agent. Upon usage, the coloring agent leaches away and the color of the shaving aid fades and eventually changes from the color of the coloring agent to colorless after usage.

Figure 3 illustrates a cross-section of a further embodiment of the present invention. In this embodiment, the shaving aid 11 comprises two distinct layers. A lower layer 31 of thermoplastic material of a first color is mounted in a non-skin engaging position adjacent to the razor head and is non-water soluble. A water soluble or partially soluble upper layer 30 containing a water soluble coloring agent 32 of a second color is mounted in a skin-engaging position adjacent to the lower layer. The upper layer contains the shaving aid material 21. Thus, the shaving aid appears to the user as the second color prior to use and for a certain period of usage. Upon exposure to moisture during usage, the upper layer 30 deteriorates and uncovers the lower layer 31. Accordingly, the color of the shaving aid visible to the user changes from the second color of the upper layer to the first color of the lower layer or a discernible intermediate color and the user is thereby notified of the need to replace the razor head.

Figure 4 illustrates a cross section of a further preferred embodiment of the present invention which comprises a shaving aid having three distinct layers. Two water soluble or partially soluble outer layers 40, 41 of a first color consisting of water soluble coloring agent 44 and shaving aid material 21 coat a center layer 42 of a second color consisting of a non-water soluble thermoplastic material. The shaving aid is mounted on the razor head with either outer layer adjacent to the razor head. According to this embodiment, both outer layers contain shaving aid material, and consequently the shaving aid may be mounted without concern for orienting the skin-engaging side so that it is in the correct position.

Figure 5 illustrates a still further and most preferred embodiment of the present invention. Water soluble or partially soluble coating 60 is disposed upon a section of the surface of shaving aid material 21. Coating 60 wears off of the shaving aid material through solubility, abrasion or a combination thereof. The disappearance of the coating is a signal to the consumer that the shaving aid should be replaced. Coating 60 comprises mate-

rials which are able to, at least initially, withstand the conditions, such as heat and humidity, which are encountered during shaving. Coating 60 may also consist of more than one layer, such that one or more layers wear off during usage and either a lower layer or the shaving aid material is ultimately exposed. Various materials which may be employed as a coating which would withstand those conditions include shellacs, glazes, paints, rosins, resins, sealants, gums, lacquers or combinations thereof.

While the coating illustrated in Figure 5 is a single stripe in the middle of the shaving aid material, a plurality of sections of the shaving aid may be coated and the coating or coatings may comprise any desired shape or configuration. For example, multiple or single stripes, multiple or single spots, or multiple or single geometric shapes are all configurations which may be employed within the scope of the invention.

Exemplary materials which may be used as shaving aid material include one or various combinations of the following:

A. A lubricating agent for reducing the frictional forces between the razor head and the skin, e.g., a microencapsulated silicone oil.

B. An agent which reduces the drag between the razor parts and the skin, e.g., a polyethylene oxide in the approximate range of molecular weights between 100,000 and 5,000,000; a non-ionic polyacrylamide; and/or a natural polysaccharide derived from plant materials such as "guar gum".

C. An agent which modifies the chemical structure of the hair to allow the razor blade to pass through the whiskers very easily, e.g., a depilatory agent is one example.

D. A cleaning agent which allows whiskers and skin debris to be washed more easily from the razor parts during shaving, e.g., a silicone polyethylene oxide block copolymer and detergent such as sodium lauryl sulphate.

E. A medicinal agent for killing bacteria, or repairing skin damage and abrasions.

F. A cosmetic agent for softening, smoothing, conditioning or improving the skin.

G. A blood coagulant for the suppression of the bleeding that occurs from nicks and cuts.

H. An essential oil such as menthol.

The following examples are set forth to illustrate several formulations of the present invention. The examples are merely illustrative of formulations which

fade in color to indicate the need to change the razor head and are not intended to limit the invention in any way.

#### Example 1

39.7% pulverized, precolored (white using 10% titanium oxide) medium impact polystyrene  
29.8% coagulant grade poly(ethylene oxide)  
29.8% WSR N-750 grade poly(ethylene oxide)  
0.7% green pigment

#### Example 2

39.4% pulverized, precolored (white) medium impact polystyrene  
29.6% coagulant grade poly(ethylene oxide)  
29.6% WSR N-750 grade poly(ethylene oxide)  
1.4% green pigment

#### Example 3

38.6% pulverized, precolored (white) medium impact polystyrene  
28.9% coagulant grade poly(ethylene oxide)  
28.9% WSR N-750 grade poly(ethylene oxide)  
3.6% green pigment

#### Claims

1. A shaving aid (11) for a razor comprising thermoplastic material (31) and shaving aid material (22) characterised in that it comprises a means (20, 21) for indicating a change in the amount of shaving aid material (22).
2. A shaving aid (11) according to claim 1, wherein the means for indicating a change in the amount of shaving aid material comprises at least one coloring agent (20).
3. A shaving aid (11) according to claim 2, wherein the thermoplastic material (31) is of a first color and the at least one coloring agent is of a second color (32).
4. A shaving aid (11) according to claim 3, wherein the at least one coloring agent (32) is water soluble.
5. A shaving aid (11) according to claim 2, wherein the thermoplastic material (31) is colorless and the at least one coloring agent is of a first color (32).
6. A shaving aid (11) according to claim 5, wherein the at least one coloring agent (32) is water soluble.
7. A shaving aid (11) according to claim 2, wherein the at least one coloring agent comprises a water soluble coloring agent (20) and a non-water soluble coloring agent (21).
8. A shaving aid (11) according to claim 7, wherein the water soluble coloring agent (20) is of a first color and the non-water soluble coloring agent (21) is of a second color.
9. A shaving aid (11) according to claim 1, wherein said means for indicating a change in the amount of shaving aid material (22) comprises a coating (60) disposed in one or more segments on top of at least a portion of the shaving aid (21).
10. A shaving aid (11) according to claim 9, wherein said means for indicating a change is in the form of a geometric shape.
11. A shaving aid (11) according to claim 9, wherein said change indicating means comprises a material or a combination of materials which allow said change indicating means to withstand the environment encountered during shaving so that a user will be visually stimulated at the desired time to change to a new blade.
12. A shaving aid (11) according to claim 11, wherein said material or combination of materials comprises at least one item selected from the group consisting of coloring agents, shellacs, glazes, resins, rosins, sealants, gums and lacquers.
13. A shaving aid (11) according to claim 12, wherein said change indicating means comprises more than one layer of the material or combination of materials.
14. A shaving aid (11) comprising at least one skin-engaging layer (30) and at least one non-skin engaging layer (31), said at least one skin engaging layer (30) comprising thermoplastic material, shaving aid material (21) and at least one coloring agent (32), characterised in that said at least one coloring agent (32) is of a first color and said non-skin engaging layer (31) is of a second color, and in that the at least one coloring agent comprises at least one water soluble coloring agent (32) and at least one non-water soluble coloring agent.
15. A shaving aid (11) according to claim 14, wherein the water soluble coloring agent (32) is of a first color and the non-water soluble coloring agent is of a second color.
16. A shaving aid (11) according to claim 15, wherein the at least one skin-engaging layer (30) comprises a first, skin-engaging layer comprising thermoplastic material, a shaving aid material (21) and a coloring agent (32) and a second potentially skin-

engaging layer comprising thermoplastic material, a shaving aid material (21) and a coloring agent (32).

17. A shaving aid (11) according to claim 16, wherein  
said at least one coloring agent (32) is of a first  
color and said non-skin engaging layer (31) is of a  
second color. 5
18. A shaving aid (11) according to claim 17, wherein  
said first skin-engaging layer (30) and said second  
potentially skin-engaging layer are of a first color  
and said non-skin engaging layer (31) is of a second  
color. 10
19. A shaving aid (11) according to claim 18, wherein  
said first skin-engaging layer (30) is of a first color,  
said second potentially skin-engaging layer is of a  
second color and said non-skin engaging layer (31)  
is of a third color. 15
20. A shaving aid (11) according to claim 4, 6, 8, 11 or  
18, wherein the coloring agent is selected from the  
group consisting of organic pigment, inorganic pigment,  
and dye. 20
21. A shaving aid (11) according to claim 20, wherein  
the coloring agent is at least one item selected from  
the group consisting of titanium dioxide, zinc  
sulfide, iron oxides, chromates, cadmiums, chromium  
oxides, ultramarines, mixed metal oxides, carbon  
black, quinacridones, disazos and disazos  
condensates, monoazo condensates, monoazos,  
naphthols, perylenes, benzimideazalones, isoin-  
dolinones, diarylides, quinophthalones, phthaloc-  
yanines, quinacridones, dioxazines, thioindigos,  
tetrachloroisindolinones, azos, perinones, quino-  
lines, xanthen, azine and anthroquinones. 25
22. A razor head (10) having a cap, a seat, at least one  
blade, and a shaving aid (11) wherein said shaving  
aid (11) contains shaving aid material characterised  
in that said shaving aid (11) comprises a means for  
providing a sensory indication to the user to indicate  
a change in the amount of shaving aid material. 30
23. A razor head (10) according to claim 22, wherein  
the sensory indication provided by the change in  
the amount of shaving aid material provides an indication  
to the user that the razor head (10) should be  
replaced. 35
24. A razor head (10) according to claim 23, wherein  
the razor head (10) comprises a removable cartridge. 40

#### Patentansprüche

1. Rasierhilfsmittel (11) für einen Rasierapparat,  
umfassend:  
  
thermoplastisches Material (31) sowie Rasier-  
hilfsmaterial (22), dadurch gekennzeichnet,  
daß es ein Mittel (20, 21) zum Anzeigen einer  
Änderung in der Menge des Rasierhilfsmaterials  
(22) aufweist.
2. Rasierhilfsmittel (11) gemäß Anspruch 1, wobei  
das Mittel zum Anzeigen einer Änderung in der  
Menge des Rasierhilfsmaterials mindestens eine  
färbende Substanz bzw. ein Färbemittel (20)  
umfaßt.
3. Rasierhilfsmittel (11) gemäß Anspruch 2, wobei  
das thermoplastische Material (31) eine erste  
Farbe und das mindestens eine Färbemittel (32)  
eine zweite Farbe aufweisen.
4. Rasierhilfsmittel (11) gemäß Anspruch 3, wobei  
das mindestens eine Färbemittel (32) wasserlöslich  
ist.
5. Rasierhilfsmittel (11) gemäß Anspruch 2, wobei  
das thermoplastische Material (31) farblos ist und  
das mindestens eine Färbemittel eine erste Farbe  
(32) aufweist.
6. Rasierhilfsmittel (11) gemäß Anspruch 5, wobei  
das mindestens eine Färbemittel (32) wasserlöslich  
ist.
7. Rasierhilfsmittel (11) gemäß Anspruch 2, wobei  
das mindestens eine Färbemittel ein wasserlösliches  
Färbemittel (20) und ein nicht-wasserlösliches  
Färbemittel (21) umfaßt.
8. Rasierhilfsmittel (11) gemäß Anspruch 7, wobei  
das wasserlösliche, Färbemittel (20) eine erste  
Farbe und das nicht-wasserlösliche Färbemittel  
(21) eine zweite Farbe haben.
9. Rasierhilfsmittel (11) gemäß Anspruch 1, wobei  
das Mittel zum Anzeigen einer Änderung in der  
Menge des Rasierhilfsmaterials (22) eine  
Beschichtung (60) umfaßt, die in einer oder mehreren  
Segmenten auf der Oberseite mindestens  
eines Abschnitts des Rasierhilfsmittels (21) ange-  
ordnet ist.
10. Rasierhilfsmittel (11) gemäß Anspruch 9, wobei  
das Mittel zum Anzeigen einer Änderung in einer  
geometrischen Form ausgebildet ist.
11. Rasierhilfsmittel (11) gemäß Anspruch 9, wobei

- das Mittel zum Anzeigen einer Änderung ein Material oder eine Kombination von Materialien umfaßt, die dem Mittel zum Anzeigen einer Änderung gestatten, den beim Rasieren angetroffenen Umweltbedingungen zu widerstehen, so daß ein Benutzer visuell zur gewünschten Zeit angeregt wird, die Klinge durch eine neue auszutauschen.
12. Rasierhilfsmittel (11) gemäß Anspruch 11, wobei das Material oder die Kombination von Materialien mindestens einen Bestandteil aus der aus Färbemitteln, Schellackarten, Glasuren, Harzen, Kolophoniusorten, Versiegelungsmitteln, Gummis und Lacken bestehenden Gruppe aufweist.
13. Rasierhilfsmittel (11) gemäß Anspruch 12, wobei das Mittel zum Anzeigen einer Änderung mehr als eine Schicht des Materials oder der Kombination von Materialien aufweist.
14. Rasierhilfsmittel (11), das mindestens eine mit der Haut in Kontakt kommende Schicht (30) und mindestens eine nicht mit der Haut in Kontakt kommende Schicht (31) umfaßt, wobei die mindestens eine mit der Haut in Kontakt kommende Schicht (30) umfaßt:
- thermoplastisches Material, Rasierhilfsmaterial (21) und mindestens ein Färbemittel (32), dadurch gekennzeichnet, daß mindestens ein Färbemittel (32) eine erste Farbe und die nicht mit der Haut in Kontakt kommende Schicht (31) eine zweite Farbe aufweisen, und daß das mindestens eine Färbemittel mindestens ein wasserlösliches, Färbemittel (32) und mindestens ein nicht-wasserlösliches, Färbemittel aufweist.
15. Rasierhilfsmittel (11) gemäß Anspruch 14, wobei das wasserlösliche Färbemittel (32) eine erste Farbe, und das nicht-wasserlösliche Färbemittel eine zweite Farbe aufweisen.
16. Rasierhilfsmittel (11) gemäß Anspruch 15, wobei die mindestens eine mit der Haut in Kontakt kommende Schicht (30) eine erste, thermoplastisches Material, ein Rasierhilfsmaterial (21) sowie ein Färbemittel (32) umfassende, mit der Haut in Kontakt kommende Schicht sowie eine zweite, thermoplastisches Material ein Rasierhilfsmaterial (21) und ein Färbemittel (32) umfassende, potentiell mit der Haut in Kontakt kommende Schicht aufweist.
17. Rasierhilfsmittel (11) gemäß Anspruch 16, wobei das mindestens ein Färbemittel (32) eine erste Farbe und die nicht mit der Haut in Kontakt kommende Schicht (31) eine zweite Farbe aufweisen.
18. Rasierhilfsmittel (11) gemäß Anspruch 17, wobei die erste, mit der Haut in Kontakt kommende Schicht (30) sowie die zweite, potentiell mit der Haut in Kontakt kommende Schicht eine erste Farbe, und die nicht mit der Haut in Kontakt kommende Schicht (31) eine zweite Farbe aufweisen.
19. Rasierhilfsmittel (11) gemäß Anspruch 18, wobei die erste mit der Haut in Kontakt kommende Schicht (30) eine erste Farbe, die zweite, potentiell mit der Haut in Kontakt kommende Schicht eine zweite Farbe und die nicht mit der Haut in Kontakt kommende Schicht (31) eine dritte Farbe hat.
20. Rasierhilfsmittel (11) gemäß Anspruch 4, 6, 8, 11 oder 18, wobei das Färbemittel aus der aus organischen Pigmenten, anorganischen Pigmenten und Farbstoffen bestehenden Gruppe ausgewählt ist.
21. Rasierhilfsmittel (11) gemäß Anspruch 20, wobei das Färbemittel mindestens ein Bestandteil, ausgewählt aus der aus Titandioxid, Zinksulfid, Eisenoxiden, Chromaten, Cadmiumverbindungen, Chromoxiden, Ultramarinen, Mischmetalloxiden, Ruß, Chinacridonen, Bisazoverbindungen und Bisazokondensaten, Monoazo, Monoazoverbindungen, Naphtholen, Perylenen, Benzimidazolonen, Isoindolinonen, Diaryliden, Chinophthalonen, Phthalocyaninen, Chinacridonen, Dioxazinen, Thioindigoverbindungen, Tetrachlorisindolinonen, Azoverbindungen, Perinonen, Chinolinen, Xanthenen, Azin und Anthrochinonen bestehenden Gruppe, ist.
22. Rasierkopf (10) mit einer Kappe, einem Sitz bzw. einer Anlage, mindestens einer Klinge und einem Rasierhilfsmittel (11), wobei das Rasierhilfsmittel (11) Rasierhilfsmaterial enthält, dadurch gekennzeichnet, daß das Rasierhilfsmittel (11) eine Vorrichtung zum Bereitstellen einer Sensoranzeige für den Benutzer umfaßt, um eine Änderung in der Menge des Rasierhilfsmaterials anzuzeigen.
23. Rasierkopf (10) gemäß Anspruch 22, wobei die durch die Änderung in der Menge des Rasierhilfsmaterials bereitgestellte Sensoranzeige dem Benutzer eine Anzeige liefert, daß der Rasierkopf (10) ersetzt werden soll.
24. Rasierkopf (10) gemäß Anspruch 23, wobei der Rasierkopf (10) eine herausnehmbare Patrone bzw. Kartusche umfaßt.

#### Revendications

1. Dispositif favorisant le rasage (11) pour rasoir comprenant un matériau thermoplastique (31) et un matériau favorisant le rasage (22) caractérisé en ce



qu'il comprend des moyens (20, 21) pour indiquer un changement dans la quantité de matière favorisant le rasage (22).

2. Dispositif favorisant le rasage (11) selon la revendication 1, dans lequel les moyens pour indiquer un changement dans la quantité de matière favorisant le rasage comprennent au moins un agent de coloration (20). 5
3. Dispositif favorisant le rasage (11) selon la revendication 2, dans lequel la matière thermoplastique (31) est d'une première couleur et le au moins un agent de coloration est d'une deuxième couleur (32). 10
4. Dispositif favorisant le rasage (11) selon la revendication 3, dans lequel le au moins un agent de coloration (32) est hydrosoluble. 15
5. Dispositif favorisant le rasage (11) selon la revendication 2, dans lequel la matière thermoplastique (31) est incolore et le au moins un agent de coloration est d'une première couleur (32). 20
6. Dispositif favorisant le rasage (11) selon la revendication 5, dans lequel le au moins un agent de coloration (32) est hydrosoluble. 25
7. Dispositif favorisant le rasage (11) selon la revendication 2, dans lequel le au moins un agent de coloration comprend un agent de coloration hydrosoluble (20) et un agent de coloration insoluble dans l'eau (21). 30
8. Dispositif favorisant le rasage (11) selon la revendication 7, dans lequel l'agent de coloration hydrosoluble (20) est d'une première couleur et l'agent de coloration insoluble dans l'eau (21) est d'une deuxième couleur. 35
9. Dispositif favorisant le rasage (11) selon la revendication 1, dans lequel lesdits moyens pour indiquer un changement dans la quantité de matière favorisant le rasage (22) comprennent un revêtement (60) disposé dans un ou plusieurs segments sur le haut d'au moins une portion du dispositif favorisant le rasage (21). 40
10. Dispositif favorisant le rasage (11) selon la revendication 9, dans lequel lesdits moyens pour indiquer un changement sont sous la forme d'une forme géométrique. 45
11. Dispositif favorisant le rasage (11) selon la revendication 9, dans lequel lesdits moyens indiquant un changement comprennent une matière ou une combinaison de matières qui permet auxdits 50

moyens indiquant le changement de résister à l'environnement rencontré au cours de rasage de sorte qu'un utilisateur sera visuellement stimulé au moment souhaité pour changer pour une nouvelle lame.

12. Dispositif favorisant le rasage (11) selon la revendication 11, dans lequel ladite matière ou combinaison de matières comprend au moins un article choisi dans le groupe formé par les agents de coloration, les shellacs, les vernis, les résines, les colophanes, les agents d'étanchéité, les gommes et les laques. 10
13. Dispositif favorisant le rasage (11) selon la revendication 12, dans lequel lesdits moyens indiquant le changement comprennent plus d'une souche de la matière ou d'une combinaison de matières. 15
14. Dispositif favorisant le rasage (11) comprenant au moins une couche en prise avec la peau (30) et au moins une couche sans prise avec la peau (31), ladite au moins une couche en prise avec la peau (30) comprenant une matière thermoplastique, la matière favorisant le rasage (21) et au moins un agent de coloration (32), caractérisé en ce que ledit au moins un agent de coloration (32) est d'une première couleur et ladite couche sans prise avec la peau (31) est d'une deuxième couleur, et en ce que le au moins un agent de coloration comprend au moins un agent de coloration hydrosoluble (32) et au moins un agent de coloration insoluble dans l'eau. 20
15. Dispositif favorisant le rasage (11) selon la revendication 14, dans lequel l'agent de coloration hydrosoluble (32) est d'une première couleur et l'agent de coloration insoluble dans l'eau est d'une deuxième couleur. 25
16. Dispositif favorisant le rasage (11) selon la revendication 15, dans lequel la au moins une couche en prise avec la peau (30) comprend une première couche en prise avec la peau comprenant une matière thermoplastique, une matière favorisant le rasage (21) et un agent de coloration (32) et une deuxième couche potentiellement en prise avec la peau comprenant une matière thermoplastique, une matière favorisant le rasage (21) et un agent de coloration (32). 30
17. Dispositif favorisant le rasage (11) selon la revendication 16, dans lequel ledit au moins un agent de Coloration (32) est d'une première couleur et ladite couche sans prise avec la peau (31) est d'une deuxième couleur. 35
18. Dispositif favorisant le rasage (11) selon la revendication 16, dans lequel ledit au moins un agent de Coloration (32) est d'une première couleur et ladite couche sans prise avec la peau (31) est d'une deuxième couleur. 40

cation 17, dans lequel ladite première couche en prise avec la peau (30) et ladite deuxième couche potentiellement en prise avec la peau sont d'une première couleur et ladite couche sans prise avec la peau (31) est d'une deuxième couleur.

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19. Dispositif favorisant le rasage (11) selon la revendication 18, dans lequel ladite première couche en prise avec la peau (30) est d'une première couleur, ladite deuxième couche potentiellement en prise avec la peau est d'une deuxième couleur et ladite couche sans prise avec la peau (31) est d'une troisième couleur. 10
20. Dispositif favorisant le rasage (11) selon la revendication 4, 6, 8, 11 ou 18, dans lequel l'agent de coloration est choisi dans le groupe formé par un pigment organique, un pigment inorganique et un colorant. 15
21. Dispositif favorisant le rasage (11) selon la revendication 20, dans lequel l'agent de coloration est au moins un article choisi dans le groupe constitué par le dioxyde de titane, le sulfure de zinc, les oxydes de fer, les chromates, les "cadmiures", les oxydes de chrome, les bleus outremer, les oxydes mixtes de métaux, le noir de carbone, les quinacridones, les colorants diazoïques et les condensats de colorants diazoïques, les condensats de colorants monoazoïques, les colorants monoazoïques, les naphthols, les pérylènes, les benzimidazolones, les isoindolinones, les diarylides, les quinophthalones, les phtalocyanines, les quinacridones, les dioxazines, les thioindigos, les tétrachloroisoindolinones, les colorants azoïques, les périnones, les quinoléines, la xanthérine, l'azine et les anthraquinones. 20 25 30 35
22. Tête de rasoir (10) ayant un capuchon, un siège, au moins une lame et un dispositif favorisant le rasage (11), dans lequel ledit dispositif favorisant le rasage (11) contient une matière favorisant le rasage caractérisé en ce que ledit dispositif favorisant le rasage (11) comprend des moyens pour fournir une indication sensorielle à l'utilisateur pour indiquer un changement dans la quantité de matière favorisant le rasage. 40 45
23. Tête de rasoir (10) selon la revendication 22, dans laquelle l'indicateur sensoriel prévu par le changement dans la quantité de matière favorisant le rasage fournit une indication à l'utilisateur que la tête de rasoir (10) devrait être remplacée. 50
24. Tête de rasoir (10) selon la revendication 23, dans laquelle la tête de rasoir (10) comprend une cartouche amovible. 55

FIG-1

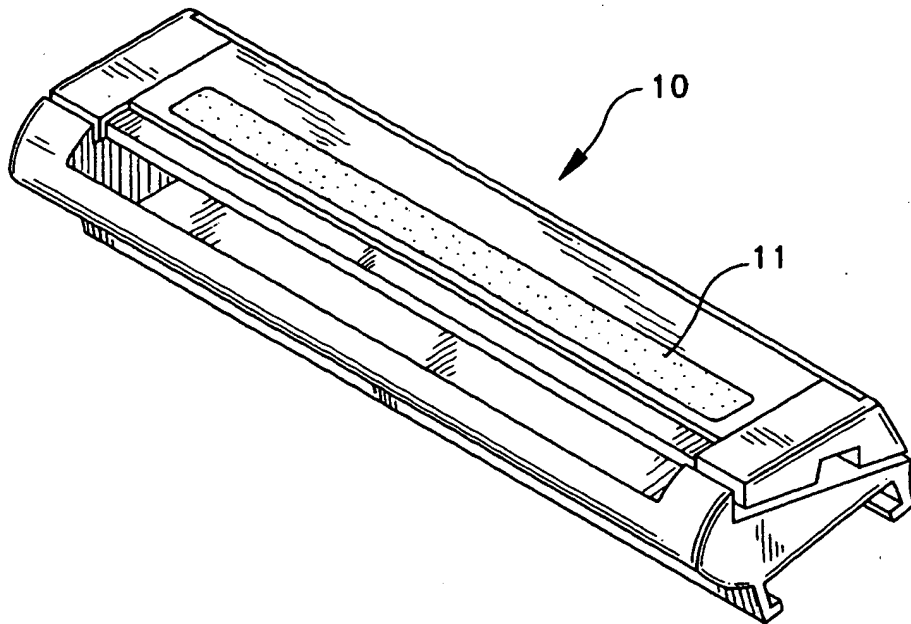


FIG-2

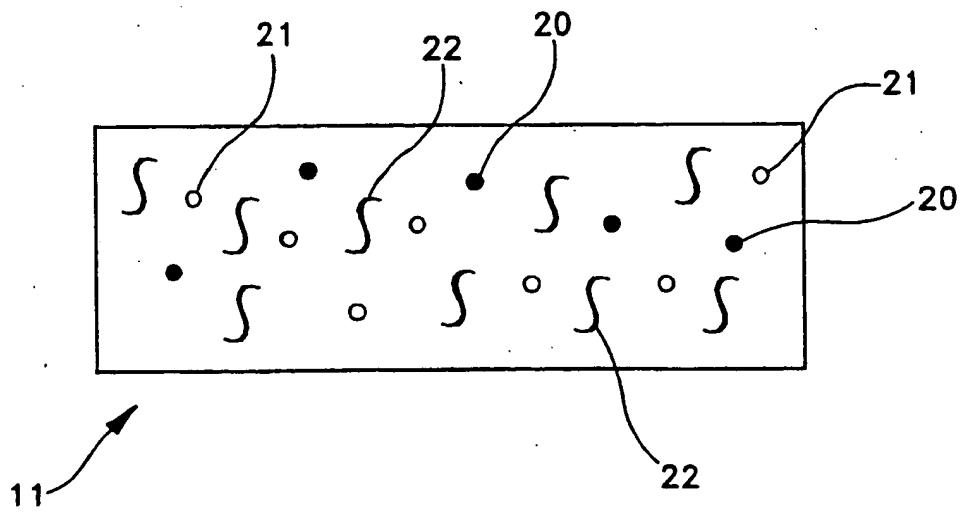


FIG-3

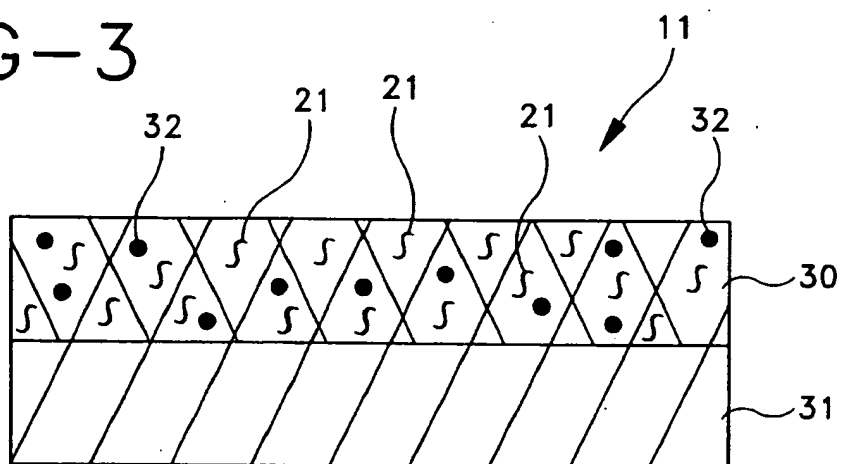


FIG-4

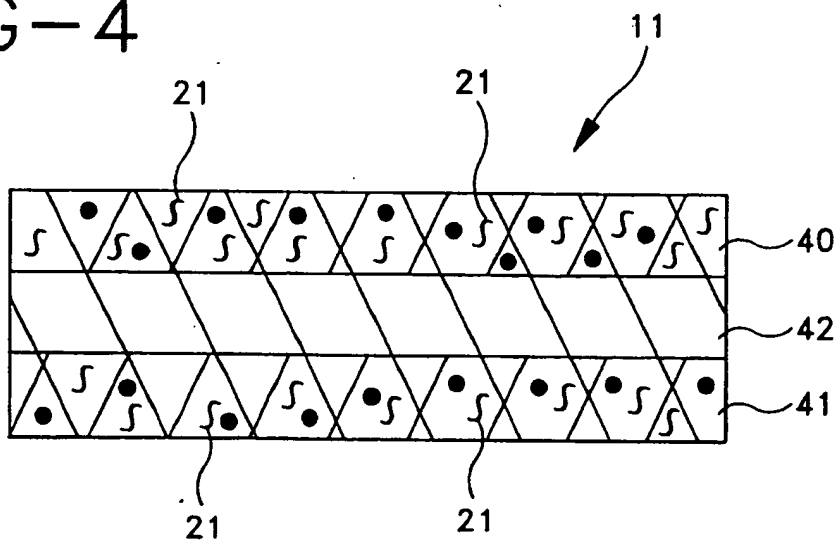


FIG-5

